



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 27, 1999

S. 748

A bill to improve Native hiring and contracting by the federal government within the state of Alaska, and for other purposes

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on May 19, 1999*

Based on information from the National Park Service (NPS), CBO estimates that implementing S. 748 would increase discretionary spending by a total of about \$500,000 over fiscal years 2000 through 2004, with most or all of the outlays occurring in 2000. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 748 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

Section 1 of S. 748 would require the Department of the Interior (DOI) to transmit a report to the Congress on the department's efforts to hire and contract with Native Alaskans under the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act and the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. Section 2 would require DOI to implement pilot programs to employ local residents at four units of the National Park System in northwest Alaska and to prepare a report to the Congress on the results of these programs. According to the NPS, the agency plans to hire more local residents at these four units under current law. Subject to the availability of appropriated funds, completing the report required by section 1 would likely cost about \$300,000, and carrying out pilot programs under section 2 would cost about \$200,000.

The CBO staff contact is Megan Carroll. This estimate was approved by Paul N. Van de Water, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.